



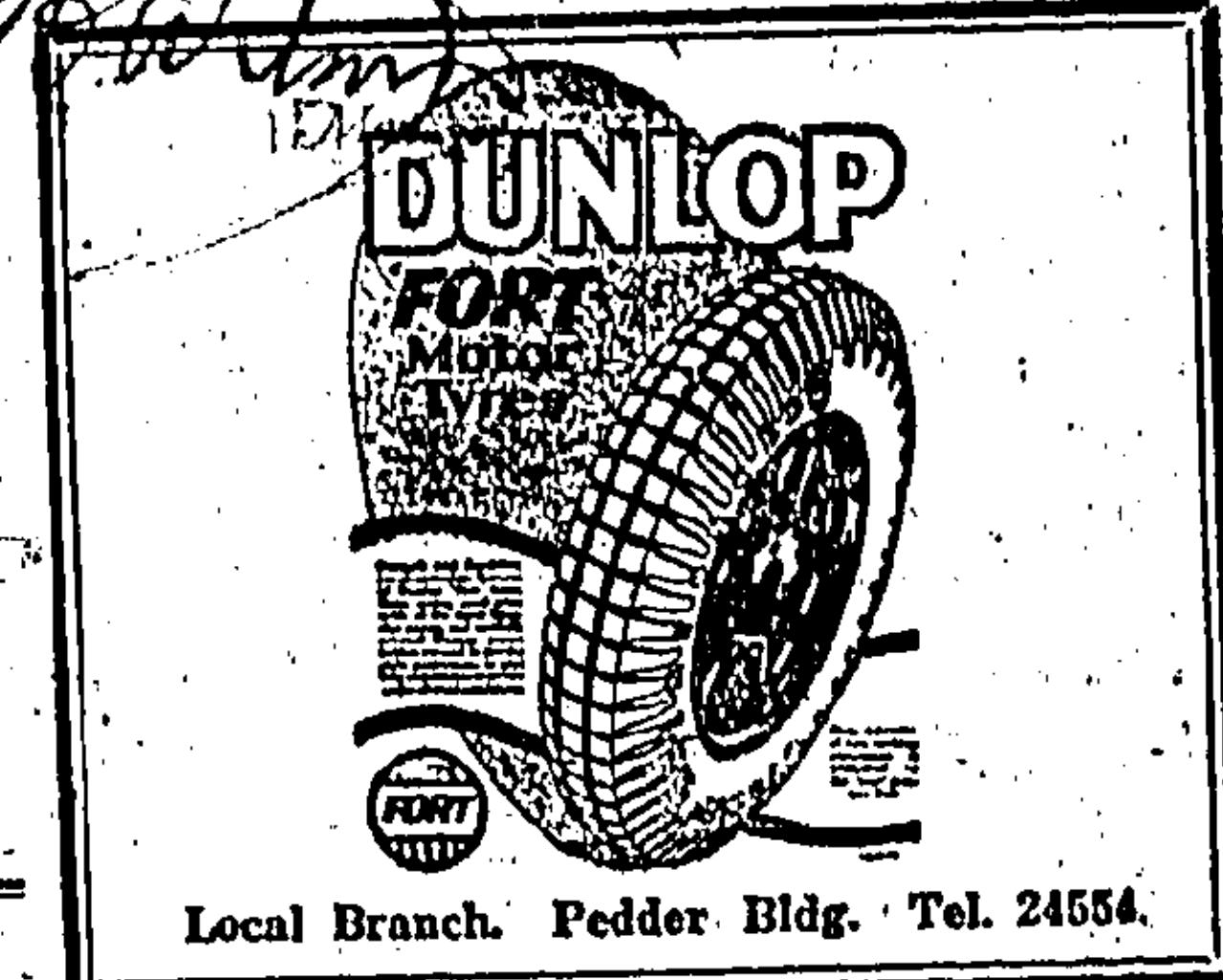
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## THE GOLD STANDARD BILL PASSED BY LORDS AND COMMONS ROYAL ASSENT GIVEN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH IN THE COMMONS.

### LABOUR HELP

London, Yesterday. The Bill suspending the Gold Standard Act of 1925 has passed all stages in Parliament and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Gold Standard Amendment Bill provides for the suspension "Unless and until His Majesty, by proclamation or otherwise directs" of that section of the Act of 1925 which requires the Bank of England to sell gold at a fixed price. The third clause authorises the Treasury to take such measures as may be expedient in connection with exchanges and difficulties from the suspension of the Gold Standard.

Following Government's decision last night to suspend the Gold Standard, the Cabinet met this morning and, immediately after question time in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister introduced a Three Clause Bill to amend the Gold Standard Act of 1925.

The second reading was moved by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and then Mr. Arthur Henderson announced that the Labour Party would not oppose the Bill.

In the House of Lords, Government's statement was made by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Reading.

The Bill, having passed through all its stages in both Houses of Parliament by emergency procedure, will receive the Royal Assent late to-night.

"Business as Usual."

The Stock Exchange was closed to-day and there were no official dealings in foreign exchanges, but banking and other business proceeded as usual, and the public displayed no trace of nervousness. In general an optimistic feeling prevails, that the spectacle of a great financial power, such as Britain, was forced off the Gold Standard not through any internal weakness but by the malfunctioning of the world's monetary system followed by a demoralisation of exchanges, will have a salutary effect in awaking world opinion to the need for concerted action to deal with the fundamentals of the depression.

Messages from abroad indicate that the nature of the emergency with which the country was faced is well understood, and the courage of the action taken is appreciated.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

The London Stock Exchange will be closed to-morrow (September 22). Thereafter, decisions will be taken from day to day in regard to opening and closing.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the absence of official quotations only a very small volume of foreign exchange business was done at tentative rates.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales occupied a seat over the clock when an animated and almost excited House assembled to hear Mr. Philip Snowden introduce the Gold Standard Bill.

Mr. Snowden explained that the measure would not affect the free gold market in London, and

### GERMAN AIRMEN RESCUED.

### Lisbon-New York Non-Stop Flight.

### PICKED UP AT SEA.

would not impede the removal of gold placed in safe custody with the Bank of England by Foreign Governments or banks.

Where the British Government was under an obligation to pay in gold (such as dollars) they would continue to meet those obligations.

Mr. Snowden thanked the Governments of the United States and France for their readiness to help us, and said that after ascertaining that certain foreign commitments to Britain could not be called in, Government was informed by the Bank of England that the United States' and French credits, arranged by it, were exhausted, and the United States' and French credits, arranged by the British Government, were practically exhausted.

There was no evidence to show that British nationals had been substantially exporting capital, but drastic steps would be taken, with the co-operation of foreign banks in London, to prevent such sales to the utmost.

Mobilisation of Foreign Currencies.

Government was considering the mobilisation of foreign securities which might form a reserve.

Other Powers had made it absolutely clear that they would not welcome a conference with a view to securing the co-operation of central banks, but Britain favoured that course and would continue to emphasise the urgency of internal.

"Our internal position is secure, and it is vital to maintain that position," said Mr. Snowden, and added, externally, the initial effect of their action might be serious, but it would be only temporary and those with confidence in sterling would not find their confidence misplaced.

We are entitled to some recognition by the other creditor Powers of their responsibility for the present situation, and possibly the present crisis may pave the way to better international co-operation; but the immediate effects might at least be as serious to countries depending upon London as to ourselves and notwithstanding the risk of temporary dislocation of the machinery of international credit, he hoped sterling would continue to serve as the medium of international trade.

If saw no reason why sterling should depreciate to a substantial extent or for any great length of time, provided our finances were administered with proper care.

Firmly Confident.

Concluding on a note of firm confidence, the Chancellor of the Exchequer emphasised, "There is no need to print paper. We can face the position with calmness. Our inherent strength will pull us through the temporary difficulties."

Labour Help.

Mr. Arthur Henderson agreed that there was no need for panic, and assured Government that the Labour Party would do their utmost to avoid doing anything calculated to produce a panic at home or abroad.

Teachers' Wage Cuts.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons the Premier announced to-day that in order to avoid hardships, the

measure would not affect the

free gold market in London, and

### JACK DEMPSEY.

### Granted Divorce from Estelle Taylor.

Reno, Nevada, Yesterday. Jack Dempsey has been granted a divorce from Estelle



Estelle Taylor: Reuter's American Service.

[The ground for divorce, advanced by the famous boxer, was

"mental cruelty." A counter

plea for divorce was lodged by

Estelle Taylor.]

## MR. SNOWDEN'S MESSAGE

### GIRD UP FOR THE ECONOMIC FRAY

### BANK DEPOSITS SAFE

GET TOGETHER AND BUILD UP  
POSITION ANEW.

### NO FOOD SHORTAGE

Paris, Yesterday.

President Hoover, through the American Ambassador, has officially invited M. Laval to go to Washington.

It is understood that M. Laval intends to accept the invitation and, after his visit this week to Berlin, will sail for the United States.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday. A profiteer commits a particularly contemptible crime which will be found time to make a speech in sharply dealt with. Sterling is not connection with the Faraday Cen- going to get out of hand. We still tenary, Mr. Snowden, through a have large resources which can be microphone installed at No. 11 Downing Street told British fall. The pound may remain a listeners-in to gird themselves for little while below level, but it will later recover, and anyone trying to the way of the mark or franc. will probably find he will lose on the transaction."

The British Budget was now the most securely balanced budget in Prepared For Every Contingency. "We anticipate no serious developments, but Government is despite the value of sterling might terminate to leave nothing to fall in terms of foreign currency, chance. We are prepared for every possible contingency, and Britain will emerge from the crisis, as the extent of the fall would be limited, will have to pay higher for gencies, stronger and more pro- things we buy from abroad, porous than before!"—Reuter.

Imported foodstuffs and raw Other Points Made. Ruby, Yesterday. materials enter so largely into the articles we consume that we must "We set an example both as to expect to see, over the next few months, some rise in the cost of living reconstruction, and if we fall imported goods, but the rise was it is because the undertaking was not likely to be very large. So far as the great mass of the people were concerned that really is the worst we have now to fear.

No Need For Anxiety. "We want to say, most emphatically, there is not the slightest cause for the least anxiety about the money you have placed in banks or savings banks. It is perfectly safe. Avoid panic, for panic can spread without reason and with serious consequences."

No Food Shortage. "Government has made the most exhaustive enquiries to-day, and we find we are well stocked in the country with supplies of all essentials of life. There is not the least danger of a shortage of food or anything else. There is not the smallest justification for any rise of prices at present. The crisis is far more due to the troubles of other countries than our own."

With regard to France, the War Loan made by the British Government to France, after deducting interest, amounted at the date of funding to £600,000,000 on which the British taxpayer has been paying approximately £30,000,000 a year in interest."

Britain had a financial banking system the strength and soundness of which was above suspicion. No one, anywhere in the world, had the slightest fear in the leading British banks being unable to meet their obligations fully, but that was not true of all banks abroad, where bank failures were common occurrences. The foreign banks, fearful of their own position, had been removing money they had deposited in London.

Now France and the United States have acquired three-quarters of the entire gold in the world and in their vaults it is largely sterilised and useless for the purpose of promoting international trade. To make this historical statement was not, Mr. Snowden insisted, to overlook the help recently received by Britain from France and the United States.

What World Must Learn. The world must learn that the existing economic system could not be maintained, if everybody tried (Continued on Page 12.)

## KWONG SANG DISASTER

### A SURVIVOR'S GRAPHIC AND PITIFUL STORY

### CLINGING TO A PLANK

### SEES OTHERS WASHED OFF AND DROWNED

### INQUIRY COURT'S FINDING.

The Court of Inquiry which sat this morning to inquire into the disaster which befell the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's sea, Kwongsang, returned the following finding:

We find that the Kwongsang, No. 115,883, left Shanghai at 4.10 p.m. on August 8 on a voyage to Hong Kong.

That on the night of August 9 she ran into a typhoon, and at about 8.30 a.m. on the 10th sank in the vicinity of Sugar Loaf Island, off Funing Bay, there being only three survivors.

The Court would express their sincere sympathy to the relatives of those who lost their lives in this disaster.

The Court was composed as follows:—The Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), President; Lieut.-Comdr. L. G. Addington (H.M.S. Tamar); Captain R. A. Pritchard (s.s. Borneo); Captain F. W. Jenkins (s.s. Changchow); and Captain C. Stringer (s.s. Kwangchow).

Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson watched the proceedings in the interests of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., and others present in Court were Mr. W. Sanderson, Superintendent Engineer, Captain D. Skinner, Marine Superintendent, Mr. E. F. Autott, Manager of the Company, and Captain T. T. Laurenson, representing the China Coast Officers' Guild.

At the time of the disaster the Kwongsang carried a crew of 78, one first class passenger (Mr. Shatto), roughly about 40 Chinese passengers, and some sheep and horses, besides general cargo.

A Survivor's Story.

The first witness called was Lee Bel-yuen, one of the three survivors. He said:

I was No. 2 fireman on the s.s. Kwongsang. On August 8 the ship left Shanghai for Hong Kong. Nothing happened until 10 p.m. on August 9 when a storm started. At midnight, the No. 1 fireman went off duty and returned to the cabin I shared with him. He said

the Captain had given order to drop anchor, but it had not been done, because the storm had become worse and it was decided not to do so. This was the result of a discussion between the Captain and Chief Officer.

Rolling Terribly.

I went to bed at midnight but could not sleep because the ship was rolling terribly. At 3.45 a.m. I got up to go on duty. The typhoon was very severe then.

Water in a Hold.

At 5 a.m. the Captain rang the second engineer to bail the water which had poured into the hold through a hatch. I don't know if the hatch was opened.

Typhoon Becomes Worse.

Between 5 and 6 a.m., the typhoon was worse and all the engineers went into the engine room.

At intervals the ship's propeller could not reach the water, due to pitching.

Up on Deck to Help.

Knowing there was no help the engineers asked me to go to the upper deck with them. We all went up. Here all the people on the ship were gathered and put on belts. All the life boats on the poop deck were washed away. The four amidships remained. The aft was gradually submerging. It was raining heavily and the wind was blowing very hard.

Engine Room Flooded.

Two anchors were dropped on the instruction of the Captain. He then asked the quartermaster what was the depth of water and was told 34 fathoms. Sailors reported that the engine room was full of water. All the ship's officers were on the bridge deck.

Ship Sinks.

The whole ship submerged at

8.30 a.m. All the people jumped in the water. The ship sank before we could lower the life boats.

Washed off a Plank.

I saw floating in the sea a piece of plank on which were two quartermasters and 2 passengers. I also seized hold of it. We were washed off the plank by a wave.

We tried to get hold of it again.

By this time only the masts of the ship could be seen.

Washed off Plank and Drowned.

Half an hour later one of the five persons on the plank was drowned. About 5 p.m. only a boy and I were left on the plank, the others all being washed away.

The storm and rain stopped something after 4 p.m.

Boy Drowned.

About 6 o'clock the boy was drowned. I drifted for hours when I saw a light at about day-break.

Washed Ashore.

When daylight came I saw hills. I did not reach the hills until 4 p.m. when I was washed ashore. Later I found the land was Ko Lao Chuen (near Funing).

Collapsed.

I started to walk to the village, but collapsed on the way. The villagers carried me into the village. I came to the following day and rested there several days.

Survivors.

One day after (August 12) I saw the firemen's cook (Soo Kwal-yuen) brought in by villagers. Then we had a note from another survivor, Wong Foo-tin, asking us to go to his place. I could not walk, so Soo went alone. Finally we three went to Fukien in a pig-junk. At Foochow we took the s.s. Hwah Nam to Shanghai.

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Lieut.-Commander W. L. B. Adams, R.N., Captain of the H.M.S. Sepoy, gave detailed evidence of the search conducted by his vessel, and what was found and come across.

Evidence corroborating Lee Bel-yuen's story was given by the other two survivors—Wong Foo-tin (sailor) and Soo Kwal-yuen (firemen's cook).

The whole ship submerged at

### FINE.

The Royal Observatory's re-

port issued



## ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

## Reviews from Official Sources.

## "BODY AND SOUL"

During the unfolding of the plot of "Body and Soul," Fox Moylestone drama, now playing at the King's Theatre, a thrilling aviation sequence is introduced.

As a young American ace hops off, under orders to shoot down an enemy balloon, his buddy vaults into the plane and rides with him. In accomplishing their errand, one of them is killed and the surviving flyer lands the ship just inside the British lines. After propping the dead aviator's body up in the cockpit, he sends the plane back over the enemy lines with its ghost pilot.

A similar incident occurred during the World War. The illustrated London News of July 13, 1918, recorded it under the heading, "The Cruise of the Dead."

"Body And Soul" features Charles Farrell, popular screen idol who was voted "King of the Movies" in the recent popularity contest. Playing opposite him is Ellissa Landi, sensational European screen and Broadway stage star who is heralded as the film's prize find of the year. Myrna Loy and Humphrey Bogart are also featured in this Fox drama which Alfred Santell directed.

## "THE DRUMS OF JEOPARDY"

Warner Oland in a role made to order for the man who created a sensation as "Fu Manchu," is at the Central Theatre to-day and tomorrow with June Collyer and Lloyd Hughes in "The Drums of Jeopardy."

This is a thrilling story in which Warner Oland plays the role of a vengeful chemist. His daughter has killed herself because she was betrayed by one of the Petroffs, Royalists of Russia, before the Revolution. As she dies with the secret of one betrayed her, her father threatens all the Petroffs with death. The ruby-studded drums that hung on a necklace that was once belonged to the Petroffs he uses as an omen of death. One by one he takes them off and sends them to the next Petroff to fall a victim of his mad vengeance.

## "SHIPMATES."

When the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer unit first went aboard the U.S.S. Colorado for battle practice scenes for "Shipmates," four microphones were listed as casualties because of the terrific blast of the turret guns.

Casualties were also suffered when the company went to Laguna to make love scenes on a rock just beyond the surf line. Montgomery and Dorothy Jordan were the romantic pair.

## "BED AND BREAKFAST."

The Cinema says:—Although this latest British farce presents little that is new, it presents enough comedy business, amusing dialogue, and clever characterisation to be assured of a welcome from the definitely popular pattern. Its familiar opening situation introduces to a pair of ill-assorted couples who exchange partners in order to teach the other pair a lesson, and thus the stage is set for the ensuing farce-comedy developments in a country studio belonging to one of the girls.

This latter, together with the other girl's husband, set up for the studio in a fit of romantic pique, but are foiled by the other pair, who arrive before them and are mistaken by callers for man and wife. The callers include a portly cleric and his precise wife, and a Cockney book-maker and his adipose lady to say nothing of a couple of burglars who are forced to remain mute witnesses of the going-on.

The subsequent comedy of complications may readily be imagined. The climax is reached with the arrival of the husband and his now disgruntled lady, followed by the Police.

The portrayal features Jane Baxter, a pretty new-comer, with a flair for comedy, in the role of the truant wife, Richard Cooper as her silly-ass accomplice, Frederick Volpie as the prosy cleric, Alf Goddard as the radiant bookie, and Sari Maritza as the other erring little lady.

## "COCK O' THE WALK."

"Personally supervised by James Cruze," "Cock O' the Walk," will be shown at the Central Theatre on Thursday with Joseph Schildkraut starred.

While the story was being translated into screen form, Cruze was always on hand, and although he himself did not direct "Cock O' the Walk," his unfailing touch is evident throughout the talkie. R. W. Neill provided the direction for the story, which is based on the novel, "Happiness Insurance," by Arturo Mom.

## "IT'S A WISE CHILD."

Sidney Blackmer, although a comparative newcomer to the screen, dates his first experience to the days of the flickering thrillers.

When he was at school, Blackmer obtained work as an extra in "The Perils of Pauline," in which Pearl White was starred. Later he abandoned a legal career to go on the stage.

Blackmer plays opposite Marion Davies in her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle, "It's a Wise Child," which will open on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre.

A Time of Trial.  
Australian Clergyman's Experience.

After an illness, when the vitality has become depleted, there often follows a period when health still hangs in a balance.

Some people recuperate more quickly than others, but there are those who, seeming to have used up all their reserve strength, are unable to regain their former vigour. These after-effects may menace the health for a life-time.

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RADIO  
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:

6.8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co. 6.8-27 p.m.—Orchestral & Band Selections.

In a Camp of the Ancient Britons (Ketelbey),

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra (1930).

Pique Dame—Overture (Suppe),

Sir David Godfrey Conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (1946).

"1812" Overture (Tchaikowsky),

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (1938).

6.27-7 p.m.—Instrumental.

Piano Solo—

Pohnson's D'or (The Gold Fish) (Debussy).

(a) La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (The Maiden with Flaxen Hair) (Debussy).

(b) Menetrels (Minstrels) (Debussy),

Myra Hess (7151.M).

Organ Solo—

Finnland—Tone Poem (Sibelius),

Valse Triste (Sibelius),

G. T. Pattman (0163).

Piano Solo—

La Campanella (Liszt),

Mischa Levitzki (2039.M).

Violin Solo—

Song of India (Rimsky-Korsakov-Kreisler),

Rondino (Beethoven-Kreisler),

Yanovnich Bratz (4823).

7.03-7.33 p.m.—From the Studio

A European Lecture by Professor G. A. C. Herklots, D.Ph., B.Sc., on "Poisonous Snakes of Hong Kong."

7.33-8 p.m.—Variety.

Negro Spiritual?

Turner Layton (Tenor).

Saxophone Solo—

Melody.

Serenade ... Rudy Wiedoeft (4508).

Songs—

Florrie Forde Old Time Medley,

Florrie Forde with Chorus

and Orchestra (G1961).

Piano Solo—

Lucky Girl—Selection,

Billy Mayerl (5178).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.03-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Man Wounded in London Street.

A remarkable shooting incident occurred in a City street in London one night recently.

A news vendor, Thomas O'Brien (22), of Denny Buildings, Holborn, was hurrying along Carmelite Street, London, E.C., with a bundle of evening papers under his arm when he suddenly staggered and fell to the ground. Blood was coming from a bullet wound in his right side. No one heard the sound of a shot, and the circumstances of the affair are unknown.

A policeman who was summoned extracted the bullet from the wound. From the appearance of the bullet it appeared as if it might have ricocheted from a wall before striking the man.

A man told a reporter: "Although I was only a few yards from the man when he fell I heard no shot. I should think the shot must have been fired from fairly long range, judging by the size and depth of the wound. The bullet was much bigger than those used in an air gun, but slightly smaller than a little revolver size."

O'Brien was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where it was held that the wound was not serious. O'Brien, however, suffered from severe shock.

The injured man has since been able to leave the hospital and return home.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments

To-day—King's Theatre;

"Body and Soul."

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"Shipmates."

To-day—Central Theatre;

"The Drums of Jeopardy."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"Ladies Love Brutus."

To-day—Star Theatre;

"A Lady of Scandal."

To-day—World Theatre; "Sea Wolf."

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 5.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Czecovia). 4.30 p.m.

Meetings.

September 29—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society annual meeting, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

October 9—Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; 2 Lower Albert Road, 10.45 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

Friday—Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps promenade concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

October 3—Annual dramatic evening; Great Hall of University, 9 p.m.

## IN ROLE OF COMPLAINANT.

## Man Who Stopped A Funeral.

At Leicester recently Walter Allen, of Forest Road, summoned Baden Akens, William Akens, Gertrude Thompson, Rose Akens and Lydia Coles for assault.

He said that they all set upon him. He was unconscious for an hour and three-quarters, and a bone in his wrist was broken.

Mr. Bennett (defending): You stopped the funeral of Mr. Akens, sen., on July 4 by suggesting that he was poisoned?—Yes.

It was found that he died a natural death?—Yes.

Complainant agreed that the coroner told him he did not believe a word he said, and that he was a disgrace to the city. He also admitted that he had been convicted five or six times for breaking and entering, and sent to prison.

A number of witnesses were called.

At the close of the case for the complainant the chairman announced that the Bench, thought there was no case to answer, and the summonses would be dismissed without calling on the defence.

## FOOTPATH APPARITION.

## "Little White Dog With A Lantern."

## SEEN ON DARK NIGHTS.

Sandbach, August 4.

A "ghost" story contained in a letter, caused a welcome diversion from a heavy agenda at to-day's meeting of the Arclid (Sandbach) Royal Council.

A retired farmer wrote complaining of the condition of a field footpath in his district, which, he said, had been ploughed up and was now covered with growing corn. The writer of the letter declared that on every dark and stormy night a little white dog, carrying a lighted lantern in its mouth, "appeared from nowhere," lighted people along the path, and then vanished. His father, he said, had seen it "scores of times."

O'Brien was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where it was held that the wound was not serious. O'Brien, however, suffered from severe shock.

The letter is to be handed on to the Parish Council, in whose area the footpath is.

## POLICE RESERVE.

## Orders for the Current Week.

## WINTER UNIFORMS.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:

Winter Uniform.

Members of the Chinese, Indian, Flying Squad and Sharpshooters' Companies are warned to get their Winter uniform ready; those who are not in possession of same will apply to their respective Equipment.

Training Course—Part II.

The weekly classes for Police Servants at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central will be held to-day at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.

Inspection Parade—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Friday for a general inspection of Equipment, etc., by the Company Commander.

Defence Corps promenade concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps promenade concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

Dress—White uniform, cap with white cover; belt (without frog), truncheon, whistle, armlet and badge, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in multi. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

Indian Company.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### OVER-EXERCISE IN ATHLETICS.

Tuberculosis Thus  
Caused.

### JAPANESE INVESTIGATIONS.

Tokyo, Aug. 21.  
The Educational Department's at-  
tention has been called to the health  
condition of the general sportsman  
by the recent death of the female  
champion Miss Kinue Hitomi.

The investigations recently con-  
ducted into the condition of the  
so-called champions of sports in  
different schools show that sports-  
men register higher rates of  
mortality than the ordinary stu-  
dents.

For the remedy of the situation,  
authorities are going to initiate a  
special medical service for the bene-  
fit and proper guidance of sports  
champions among the school stu-  
dents, and preliminary inquiries are  
now being made by the experts con-  
cerned.

The disease that carries away  
the majority of the champions' lives  
is tuberculosis which is ascribable  
chiefly to over-exercise on the part  
of such champions.

### ENGLISH RUGBY LEAGUE.

Halifax Record Big  
Victory.

### LEEDS WIN.

London, Aug. 29.  
The following were the results  
of the matches played under Rugby  
League rules to-day:

Barrow 7 Swinton 30  
Batley 9 Hunslet 12  
Bradford 2 Keighley 6  
Bramley 5 Featherstone 8  
Castleford 7 Dewsbury 5  
Halifax 21 Broughton 9  
Hull K.R. 29 Rochdale 13  
Leeds 12 York 8  
Leigh 6 Huddersfield 15  
Salford 7 Oldham 5  
St. Helens 39 Widnes 2  
Wakefield 13 Hull 10  
Warrington 16 St. Helens R. 6  
Wigan H. 8 Wigan 27  
London, Sept. 1.  
The following were the results  
of the matches played under Rugby  
League rules to-day:

Batley 10 Wakefield 7  
Keighley 2 Hull K.R. 17

### SHEFFIELD CLUBS LEAD THE WAY.

### BLACKPOOL OVERWHELMED.

Wednesday Draw and  
United Win.

### SWANSEA'S BIG AWAY WIN.

London, Yesterday.  
The following were the full re-  
sults of to-day's League football  
programme:

### First Division.

Blackburn R. 5 Blackpool 1  
Wednesday 2 Chelsea 2  
West Ham 1 Sheffield Un. 2

### Table to Date.

Goals. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 7 5 1 2 16 7 11  
Sheffield U. 7 5 0 2 16 5 10  
West Brom. 7 4 1 2 12 5 9  
Arsenal 7 3 3 1 14 8 9  
Everton 6 4 0 2 12 6 8  
Huddersfield 6 3 2 1 9 8 7  
Aston Villa 5 3 1 1 7 8 7  
Middlesb' 7 3 1 3 16 16 15  
Bolton W. 7 3 1 3 15 16 17  
Liverpool 7 3 1 3 15 13 13  
Blackpool 7 3 1 3 8 16 7  
Birmingham 6 2 2 2 13 12 6  
Derby C. 7 3 0 4 11 13 6  
West Ham 7 3 0 4 8 15 6  
Manchester C. 7 2 2 3 8 11 6  
Leicester C. 6 2 1 3 11 11 6  
Blackburn R. 7 2 1 4 12 18 5  
Sunderland 7 2 1 4 11 11 6  
Grimsby 7 2 1 4 11 19 5  
Portsmouth 7 2 1 4 8 16 5  
Newcastle 5 2 0 3 8 9 4  
Chelsea 7 4 1 5 11 19 3

### Second Division.

Goals. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Port Vale 0 Swindon T. 4

### Table to Date.

Goals. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Doncaster R. 2 Rotherham 0

### Third Division (North).

Goals. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Port Vale 0 Swindon T. 4

### Table to Date.

Goals. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Port Vale 7 3 2 2 10 10 14

Accrington S. 6 3 1 2 15 14 8

Darlington 7 3 1 3 15 13 7

Southport 7 3 1 3 12 8 11

Crewe A. 6 5 0 1 14 7 10

Stoke C. 7 5 0 2 20 9 10

Barrow 7 5 0 2 13 8 10

Wrexham 7 3 3 1 13 9 9

Tranmere R. 7 4 0 3 10 7 8

Hull C. 7 4 0 3 13 9 9

York C. 7 4 0 3 10 14 8

Accrington S. 6 3 1 2 15 15 15

Darlington 7 3 1 3 15 13 7

Halifax 7 3 1 3 8 7 7

Chester 7 2 3 2 14 12 12

Carlisle U. 7 2 2 3 17 16 16

Hartlepools 7 1 4 1 11 18 6

Doncaster R. 7 2 1 4 12 19 5

Walsall 7 2 1 4 8 12 6

Rochdale 7 2 1 4 8 18 5

Rotherham 7 2 0 4 14 17 4

Wigan Boro. 7 1 1 5 7 21 3

Stockport 7 1 1 5 5 9 2

N. Brighton 7 0 1 6 4 18 1

### NARROW VICTORY FOR ARMY T.C.

K.C.C. Juniors Surprised  
on Their Own Courts.

### LEAGUE TENNIS.

The Army Tennis Club surprised  
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team yesterday on their own courts  
when they snatched victory by the  
smallest possible margin—5 sets to 4.  
The match was commenced at  
Sookunpoo on a Wednesday about  
a month ago, and rain robbed the  
K.C.C. of victory—they were 4 sets  
up and the fifth set was definitely  
in their favour when play had  
to be abandoned. Last night, on  
courts made heavy by the recent  
rains, they met their match in the  
Army six, who thoroughly deserved  
their victory.

Halford and Oakley distinguished  
themselves by winning all their  
sets.

Score:—  
Lewis and Mitchell (A.T.C.)—  
beat Green and Macfarlane 6-4  
drew with Jack and Mackay 6-6  
lost to White and Burnett 3-8

Paul and Garman (A.T.C.)—  
lost to Green and Macfarlane 2-6  
drew with Jack and Mackay 6-6  
lost to White and Burnett 2-6

Halford and Oakley (A.T.C.)—  
beat Green and Macfarlane 7-5  
beat Jack and Mackay 6-2  
beat White and Burnett 6-3

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## JACK DEMPSEY ISSUES CHALLENGE EARLY CAREER

JACK KEARNS MAKES HIM BOX-OFFICE PROPOSITION.

### COME BACK AT 37?

Rise and Fall.  
1919—Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard, in three rounds, at Toledo, July 4.  
1920—Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Miske in three rounds, at Benton Harbour, September 6.

1920—Jack Dempsey beat Bill Brennan, 12 rounds, New York, December 14.

1921—Jack Dempsey knocked out Georges Carpenter, in the fourth round, at New Jersey, on July 2.

1923—Jack Dempsey beat Tom Gibbons on points, at Shelby, July 4.

1926—Jack Dempsey knocked out Luis Firpo in 2nd round in New York, September 14.

1926—Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey on points, at Philadelphia, September 23.

1927—Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey on points, at Chicago, September 23.

Jack Dempsey, formerly the world's heavy-weight champion, has decided to attempt a "come-back" after all. Perhaps the fact that he recently lost a lot of money at Reno induced him to make this decision. Dempsey made a fortune as a boxer, but that fortune is his no longer.

A message from Reno (Nevada) says that Jack Dempsey picked out a second-rater named Jack Beasley (California) for his first victim. And Dempsey, like the "Manassa Mauler," was of old, knocked out Beasley in the second round of a four-round contest, writes the correspondent to the Statesman.

It was supposed to be an exhibition fight, but that did not prevent Dempsey from proving that he can still hit with the force of a battering ram. After a quiet first round, Dempsey warmed up to his work and floored Beasley for counts of eight and nine early in the second round. The short left with which he then sent Beasley sprawling half way across the ring before he collapsed on the boards was delivered in his best style.

### LESSON FROM THE KYLSANT CASE.

#### 'Nothing Immoral About Secret Reserves.'

Pending the hearing of the appeal by the Court of Criminal Appeal after the Long Vacation, the case of Lord Kylsant is, of course, sub judice and comment is impossible.

But it is possible to example the summing-up of Mr. Justice Wright, who remarked that the case had verified matters of the highest importance in company finance, and that "it would prove of very great service to the commercial community." Questions which have been argued by the most competent and brilliant counsel, and accountants in the land include those of the function and responsibility of an auditor, the use of hidden reserves, and the true relationship between director and shareholder.

#### Secret Reserves.

It will interest business men in the East to read an article in a Home paper which states, in part: "very often a case of this kind, ending with a conviction, calls for some amendment of the relevant statutes." No real need of amendment has been proved by the present case, and most of the questioned proceedings which have been brought to light would have been prevented by the Company Law as it now stands. The Greene Committee, in recommending changes in the former law, insisted at the same time upon the need of elasticity and deplored any imposition of statutory regulations and prohibitions calculated not merely to put a stop to the activities of the wrongdoer, but to place quite intolerable fetters upon honest business."

"Hidden or secret reserves, for example, have been much under discussion in the present case.

There is nothing furtive or immoral about 'secret' reserves, nor are they forbidden under the amended law. Every company does wisely so to equip itself, and shareholders with a board of directors they can trust may well be glad that the board has these resources in the background of the accounts and will be content to leave their nature undisclosed. What is quite definitely wrong, though it need not be fraudulent, is that directors should fail to take shareholders fully into their confidence, and should utilise secret reserves secretly in such a way that the essential truth about a business is concealed from the shareholders who own it.

#### Barred by Law.

"As to the publication of average profits in a prospectus, this is not law but everyday practice which the Kylsant case should help. It should induce a strict scrutiny of existing methods and lead to general tightening up of procedure, a more accurate appreciation of necessary distinctions, and greater frankness in the relations between a board and its shareholders. The wise shareholder does not want to do the board's work for it, but, subject to that, he has a right to a complete and accurate picture year by year of the state of his company."

"There is still more than a little improvement possible in these relations, and a wise publicity, so far from disturbing the shareholder, is much more likely to be educative against the suspicions and rumours that multiply unchecked in bad times. The last result of the Kylsant case will be no less a service both to directors and to shareholders. It should strengthen the position of the auditor. Again it would be difficult to provide by law for any useful extension of the auditor's responsibilities. But the case which has just concluded should improve his authority in the matters in which he is virtually trust."

### ACROSS ENGLAND ON HORSEBACK.

#### A Journey to Test Its Possibility.

In order to find out whether it is still possible for a man to travel through modern England, as his ancestors did, on horseback, Mr. A. M. Crawley, the Kent cricketer, and Mr. E. C. Woodall left Oxford recently to ride to Tavistock.

They were to journey partly by modern road and partly by bridle paths, and have chosen a route which will lead them across the Berkshire Downs, and Salisbury Plain and Dartmoor, so avoiding traffic over considerable distances. The two horsemen expect to cover thirty miles a day. Their luggage includes a telescope, a small supply of coln, and a change of clothes. They propose to avoid all the large towns and to stay at night at village inns.

Mr. Crawley, when he was up at Magdalen, was a cricket Blue and Master of the University Drag-hounds.

#### SISTER TO D.O.X.

#### Delivered to Italy.

Spezia, August 28.  
A new heavy aircraft altitude record was created when D.O.X. II, sister of the famous German flying boat, reached here from Altenshain, flying over the Alps at a height of ten thousand feet.

The machine, which carried a pilot and a crew of twelve Germans and a commission of Italian officers, has been formally delivered to the Italian Government.

a trustee for the public, and confirm his power to insist on all that is needful to the satisfaction of that

### V.R.C. NIGHT FETE ON SATURDAY.

#### Three Championships to Be Decided.

#### HARBOUR RACE DATES.

The following Championship events will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club Night Fete on Saturday:

440 Yards Free Style—Championship of the Colony.  
100 Yards Free Style—Ladies' Championship of the Colony.

(Open to boys, under 16 years). Entries will close to-morrow at 6 p.m. with the Secretary of the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association. The entrance fee will be \$1 for each event.

The dates for the other Championship event will be announced in the course of the next few days.

The Ladies' Harbour Race will be run on Monday, October 19, commencing at 5 p.m.

The Open Harbour Race will be run on Tuesday, October 20, also commencing at 5 p.m.

Entries for these events will close on October 16, at 6 p.m. The entrance fee will be \$1.

Weight of body is lacking in the left-hand leads of boxers to-day. In the great majority of cases, the left is used as a defensive instead of an offensive weapon. It is a flick, and apart from scoring points is absolutely useless to stop fighters of the American breed.—A Sunday Express writer.

In the course of this season's county matches, I have seen no young men capable of taking the places of Tate and Larwood. Never mind what anyone tells you; Maurice Tate is bowling as well as ever he did, and he still the greatest bowler in the world to-day.—Fred Price.

was regarded done too seriously. But there was never any doubt of Dempsey's abilities as a fighter after that night in Toledo. As world champion he was able to command his own price. He received 300,000 dollars for his bout with Carpenter and Tex Rickard paid him 500,000 dollars for a couple of rounds with Luis Firpo. He received from all accounts a million dollars for his fight against Tunney, and nearly half-a-million for his second fight. And he was now trying to regain his fortune.

### SHANGHAI STADIUM PURCHASED.

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#### UNKNOWN INTENTIONS.

The North China Daily News was informed by Mr. N. Fred Nissim's real estate office recently that the Stadium property had been sold through his office to a Chinese syndicate for Tls. 900,000. The ground covers an area of approximately 61 mow.

It is not yet known what the purchasers intend to do with the property. Several bidders were in the market for the land and it was fairly common knowledge that one group proposed retaining the stands and developing the whole as a sports and amusement centre, running various competitive exhibitions and public displays in addition to allowing the hire of the ground for football and other sports.

Hitherto, it has not been possible to complete a sale, owing to a question as to who had the real claim to ownership, but this evidently has been settled.

#### Our Sports Diary.

##### LOCAL

HOCKEY—To-day—Meeting of Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club; Y.M.C.A. v. Radio S.C.

RUGBY—To-morrow—Practice Game at King's Park.

Saturday—New Kowloon Rugby Club Trial Game.

SAILING—To-morrow—Tressessa Trophy at 4 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Aitkenhead Shield—Kowloon v. Hong Kong.

RACING—Saturday—Eight Extra Meeting at 1.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—Police v. Navy; Recreio v. Argylls; Chinese Ath. v. St. Joseph's; Club v. South China; Kowloon v. Eastern; Second Division—Ewo v. University; Navy v. Kowloon; Club v. Argylls; South China v. Borderers; 12th H. Battery v. Chinese Ath.; R.A.O.C. v. Tsung Tsin; Third Division—Borderers v. South China; Radio S.C. v. Chinese Ath.; Recreio v. Royal Engineers.

##### ABROAD.

GOLF—To-day to Saturday—U.S. Ladies' National Championship.

YACHTING—Thursday—Lipton Trophy for Outboard Races at Philadelphia.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—Full English and Scottish League programmes.

RACING—Saturday—Newbury Autumn Cup.

### BRITISH ATHLETES LEAVE.

#### International Games for the Deaf.

#### HANDKERCHIEF SIGNALS.

London, Aug. 18. Forty-four British athletes have left London for Nuremberg, Germany, to play in a football match refereed without a whistle, races for which they will not be able to hear; the starter's pistol, and other sporting events in which not a single word will be spoken.

Every man and woman among them is deaf and dumb.

However rough the crossing not one will be seasick, because they are all immune. They come from London, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds, Grimsby, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Belfast. They are meeting competitors from all parts of Europe—340 in all—deaf and dumb like themselves.

It is an assembly called the International Games for the Deaf—the most pathetic, and at the same time the jolliest, collection of athletes in the world.

"They are a thoroughly happy crowd," the chairman of the British section, the Rev. H. Vernon Jones, stated. Mr. Jones is himself hard of hearing. He won his colours at Durham University for rowing and putting the weight.

"Our soccer team has a stiff job on as soon as we arrive. We won the International Football Club against Czechoslovakia in 1928, and we have to meet them again to fight for it."

It was then that I expressed the hope that the crossing would not handicap the team. Mr. Jones laughed as he made an interesting revelation.

"Deaf people are scarcely ever sea-sick," he said. "Something seems to be lacking in their nerve sensitiveness which prevents them from succumbing to the motion of the ship."

"Deafness has its advantages, you know. We are able to concentrate all the better on matters immediately in hand because we are not disturbed by noise. That is why the deaf are so good at cabinet-making, tailoring and such of the arts as require steady application."

In their football matches the referee signals by handkerchief instead of by whistle. In races the starter stands about ten yards in front of the competitors, and they go by the flash of the pistol instead of the sound.

In the British section are two women, both good tennis players.

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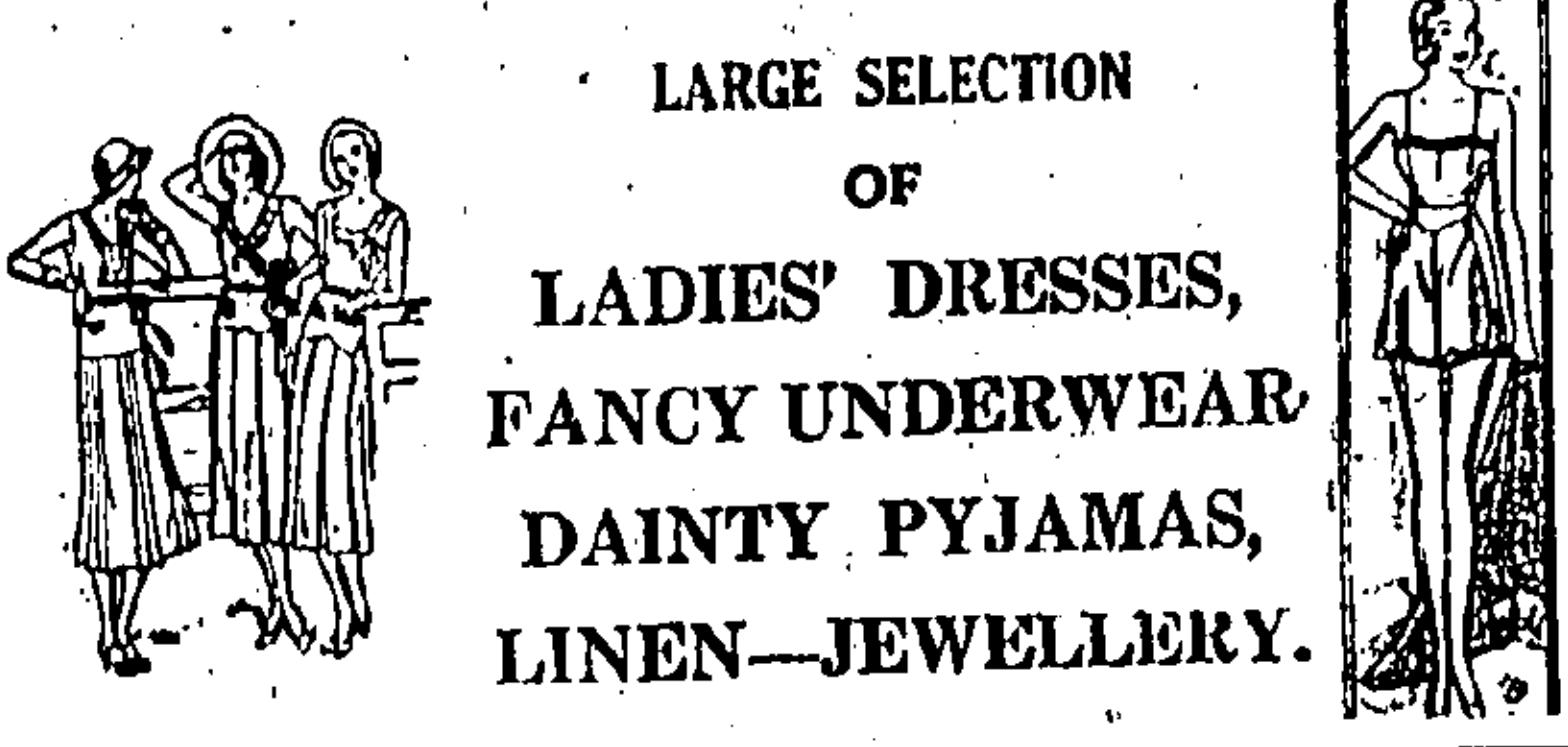
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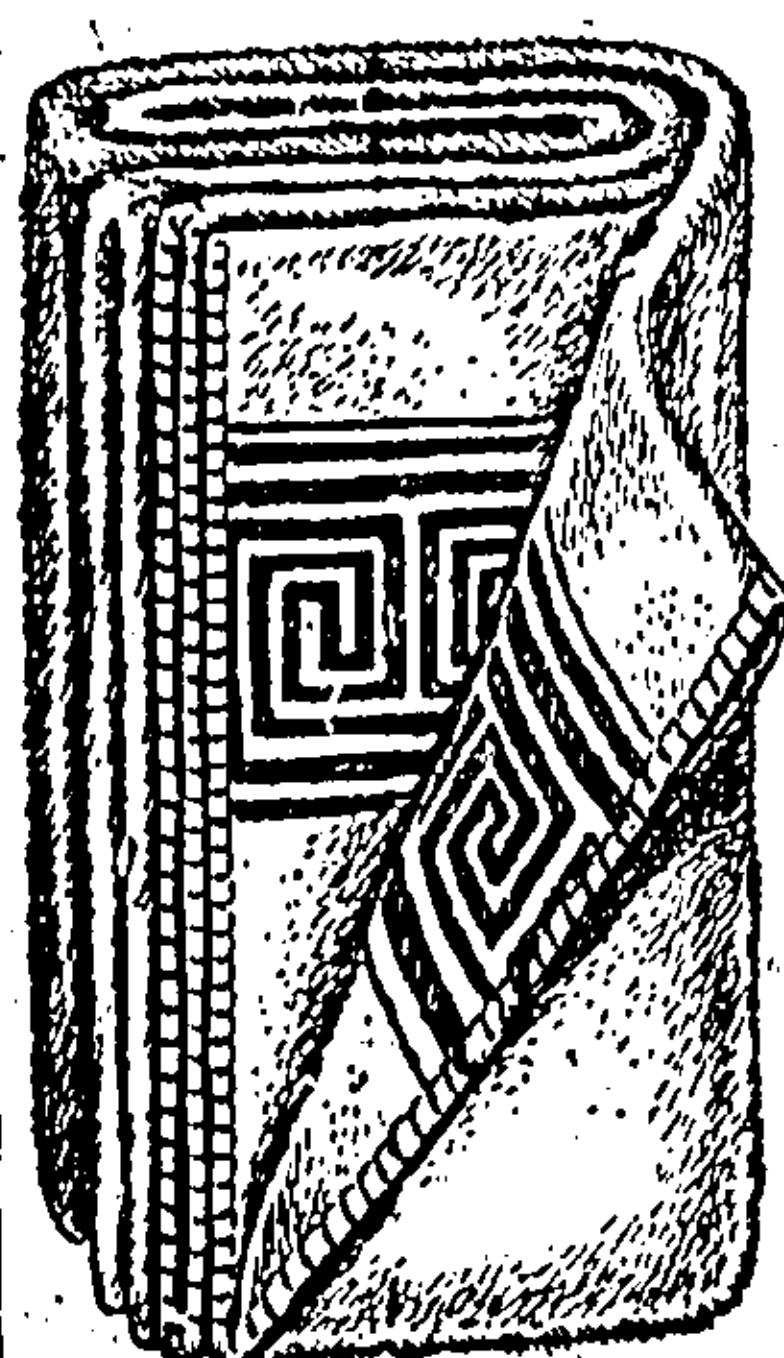
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### The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1931.

### Off the Gold Standard.

To the average reader of newspapers—and even to the average maker of newspapers—it may seem peculiar that the same amount of acclaim that greeted the re-adoption of the gold standard by Great Britain in 1925 should be vouchsafed to the decision to go off the gold standard again temporarily. When even the Prime Minister confesses in effect that he knows little or nothing about finance and has to depend on his advisers and on the Bank of England for the little knowledge he possesses, it is no cause for wonder that the average reader of newspapers at Home and Overseas should find himself morass in the bog of complexities and perplexities. Why should the readoption of the gold standard and the suspension of that standard six years later be regarded by those who rule our monetary destinies as one of the panaceas of Great Britain's economic ills?

Summaries of the Macmillan Report have been read, and there it was disclosed that the Committee emphatically rejected proposals both for devaluating the pound sterling and for abandoning the gold standard altogether. It went even further, for it declared that "if this country [Britain; of course] were to cut adrift from the international system with the object of setting up a local standard with a sole regard to our domestic situation, we should be abandoning the larger problem—the solution of which is certainly necessary to a satisfactory solution of the purely domestic problem—just at the moment, may be, when we were able to look a little forward, the beginnings of general progress would be becoming visible." Within the limits set by the gold standard, and after the present extreme depression of prices has been deliberately corrected, "the endeavour of domestic management" is described as "to promote the stability of output and

of employment at a high level by influencing the regular flow of savings into investment at Home and abroad so far as is compatible with the international situation." The majority of the Macmillan Committee—a notable exception being Lord Bradbury—consider, however, that the present acute industrial and financial malady, and the prospect of a growing shortage of gold, together provide more than sufficient justification for an experiment in managing Britain's currency system.

It is encyclopaedic information that the theory of the gold standard rests on the principle that one metal is better criterion for measuring values than two (gold and silver), since the fluctuations that occur by the substitution of one metal for the other are certain to be disturbing.

There is the further difficulty that no ratio can be permanently fixed between two metals, as their values must vary with the alterations in production. The inherent simplicity and, so to speak, "naturalness" of the single standard is best realised by embodying it in gold, which is universally desired, of high cost, and yet found in sufficient amount so far to discharge the money work of the standard.

Under the gold standard the Bank of England was authorised to sell gold at a fixed price. Now that legal requirement has been suspended, temporarily. It is emphasised that Britain has been forced off the gold standard not through any internal weakness, but by the malfunctioning of the world's monetary system, followed by a demoralisation of exchanges. Britons have been assured by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that sterling will not go the way of the mark and franc. There is now no longer any risk of internal inflation, and, though the value of sterling may fall in terms of foreign currency, we are assured that the extent of the fall will be limited. He emphasised the soundness of British banking institutions and their ability to meet all their obligations, but that has not been true of all banks abroad. Foreign banks, fearful of their own

position, have been removing the money they had deposited in London. But Great Britain has decided to suspend the gold standard for a time. Sterling, says the Chancellor, is not going to get out of hand. Britain has still large resources which can be employed to check an excessive fall. The pound may remain a little below level, but it will later recover, quoth the seer of British finance.

In this way the word acquired its present meaning to haggle.—Chris-tian Science Monitor.

### Absent-Minded Professors.

This story is very old: it relates that on one occasion as a professor turned a corner without looking where he was going he ran into a cow. A little later, turning another corner, he ran into a lady and exclaimed, "Is that that brute again?"

The following may not be quite so well known: Professor had set off one cold Sunday morning from his house in Aberdeen to preach in a neighbouring town. After walking against the wind for an hour or so he stopped to blow his nose and in doing this, turned round to have his back to the wind. On replacing his handkerchief he returned his walk only to find himself in due time, on his own doormat again!

### News in Brief.

Two years ago yesterday the s.s. Dell Maru was attacked by pirates near Bias Bay.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 79 degrees. The humidity was 76 at 10 a.m. and 72 at 4 p.m.

The Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is not opening its doors to day, according to a Reuter's cablegram from Pittsburgh.

Silk forwarded from here by Express of Russia on August 28 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on September 18, having been 21 days in transit.

The Royal Observatory, Kowloon, issued the following report, last night:—A strong local earthquake was recorded at the Royal Observatory at 6 hrs. 27 mins. 59 secs. this evening, September 21. The preliminary tremors lasted for 10 seconds, indicating that the centre of disturbance was about 60 miles from the Colony. The maximum movement, of 70 millimetres, occurred at 6.28.30 p.m. The direction of the centre cannot be ascertained from the record.

Supporters of British films are being well catered for now in this British Colony of ours. There has not been one failure amongst the British talkies so far "seen and heard" here. Another winner has been secured by the King's Theatre for the next change of programme. This is the notable stage farce "Bed and Breakfast," transformed into a talkie. Having been present at the advance screening we can confidently recommend "Bed and Breakfast" as first class entertainment.

### Personal Pairs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruttonjee and Miss Ruttonjee returned from Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. President Hoover.

Allen and Moyle, who were forced down when attempting a Tokyo-Seattle flight, and had been given up for dead, landed at Nome, Alaska, at 9.15 a.m. on September 21, according to Reuter.

The marriage will take place in the Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Thursday afternoon, of Nancy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-fan, and Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gockchin. There will be a reception in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, and on Friday night, a banquet in the Kwong Chow Restaurant.

Miss Edris d' Aquino, a pupil of Miss Maria Gomes, gave her first song recital in the Club de Recreio last night. She was fortunate in her choice of songs, which included groups by Tosti, Ruy Coelho, Padilla's "Princesita," and d' Alvarez' "Granada." Miss d' Aquino was the recipient of congratulations, as was her teacher. Professor Gonsales contributed a couple of violin solos to the programme.

Dicker.

Our somewhat inelegant expression, "to dicker," has an interesting history. "Dicker" is a corruption of "dociaria," set of ten. The Latin word was especially applied by the Romans as a unit of tribute and barter among their conquered subjects along the northern frontiers of the empire. In America much similar bartering was done in the early days with the Indians in connection with the fur trade, and "Sulcide by hanging."

## BRITISH CODE OF HONOUR.

### Scene in Czech Hotel.

Carlsbad, Aug. 19: A scene has occurred in the most fashionable Carlsbad hotel, in which a British film actor, a former flying officer, his beautiful German fiancee, styled "The Queen of Fashions," and an Austrian Count, the son of former Austrian Foreign Minister, were involved. It resulted in the Count being struck on the face, and the Briton, Capt. Charles Leven Lincoln, being acquitted by a court, with a reference by the judge to British laws of honour.

Capt. Leven Lincoln was sitting with his fiancee, Miss Hilde Zimmermann, when a note from Count Hans Czernin was handed to Miss Zimmermann, asking her to meet him. Capt. Leven Lincoln read the note, and as the Count had then disappeared, went to his home on the following morning. After an exchange of words he struck him under the eye.

The Count brought an action, but Capt. Leven Lincoln was found not guilty under the old Austrian penal code still valid in Czechoslovakia, by which a malicious motive is excluded when the accused acts under an irresistible impulse or self-defence. The judge said:

"It may be that in Berlin or Vienna some people exist who would not retaliate on such an offence, but the British captain was compelled to act in accordance with the unwritten laws of honour of Great Britain. If he had not done so he would have been considered a coward and an honourless individual by his countrymen."

Count Czernin's appeal is to come before the Appeal Court at Eger. Capt. Leven Lincoln's passport has been kept by the Carlsbad court.—Exchange Telegraph.

### NEWS IN ADVTS.

The yearly meeting of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., will be held on September 30.

The Chinese Maritime Customs offices and stations in Kowloon and district will be closed on Saturday next.

The 16th semi-annual race for the Trevessa Trophy will be held to-morrow. Conditions are detailed on page 8.

### To-day's Thought.

He seems to me to be the greatest man who rises to a higher position by his own merit, and not one who climbs up by the injury and disaster of another.

—Cleop.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 22, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/93.

The Shanghai Interport bowls team completed its programme here when it met and defeated a Grangewor Club four by 17-14.

Although Craigengower's is the youngest bowl team in the Colony—it is not so long ago that the game was introduced to the Club's members yesterday's game against the visitors was hotly contested. The scoring was slow, but this did not affect the game which was full of interest throughout.

The teams were under:—  
Shanghai:—Brown, Landers, Shaw, and McAllister (Skip).  
Craigengower:—Omar, Allen, Basa, and Bradbury (Skip).

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## WHY SACRIFICE IS NEEDED TO-DAY.

### SWIFT ACTION

#### NATIONAL DUTY IS THE FIRST CONSIDERATION.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald broadcast his first public statement on the political situation on August 25.

His address, which was relayed from a microphone in 10, Downing Street, to all stations of the B.B.C., was as follows:

I speak to-night, in unusual and, to me, rather sorrowful circumstances.

I have given my life to the building up of a political party. I was present at its birth, it was its nurse when it emerged from its infancy and had attained adult years. At this moment I have changed none of my beliefs, and none of my ideals.

I see that it is said that I have no Labour credentials for what I am doing. That is true. I do not claim to have them, though I am certain that in the interests of the working classes I ought to have them.

Be that as it may, I have credentials of even higher authority. My credentials are those of national duty as I conceive it, and I obey them irrespective of consequences.

You will have read in the daily papers during the last few weeks of great activity in London. For my many friends who have been in close touch with things it has been a time of very great anxiety. There have been sensational stories and many rumours of all kinds.

You have heard the words "crisis" and "emergency" and will know that matters of great moment have arisen in what is nominally a quiet holiday season. Let me tell you briefly what has happened.

#### Causes of Crisis.

During the past few weeks the country has been faced with a financial emergency. What has been going on is that people and institutions abroad who have money in this country have been withdrawing it in considerable amounts. They had been accustomed to deposit big sums in London for short periods, because they had complete confidence that they could always rely on getting their money when they wanted it.

Recently the confidence of lenders has been impaired, and they have been withdrawing their money. There have been various causes for these fears about the soundness of our position.

In the first place, a world depression in trade has hit all countries very hard, including ourselves. Then there was the crisis in Germany. It was known that we had a lot of money in Germany which temporarily could not be repaid.

But above all, public opinion abroad was concerned about our position. They saw a big deficit in prospect. They said that we had been borrowing for current expenditure.

They fear that we are living beyond our means, and that we are no longer exporting enough to pay for our necessary and very large imports of food and raw material. They are inclined to believe, therefore, in the absence of any contrary evidence, that our troubles are not only temporary.

Then there has been a great deal of propaganda which has had an evil effect abroad, even more so than at home. People who speak in public and use a platform the sounds from which are heard all round the world should be very careful when expressing party views that they are not damaging national interests.

In a sentence, foreigners who had been in our financial trust have listened to ghost stories in a gloomy atmosphere and have become rather nervous.

#### Reassurance Needed.

It is not true to suggest that foreign countries are deliberately trying to harm us. Nothing could be further from the truth. They know that the consequences of financial troubles in this country would be serious, not only for ourselves, but for the whole world. They have helped us greatly, and they are anxious and ready to help us more.

But they need to be reassured about our position. It is no good

our coats according to the cloth. We must try, of course, to get more cloth; whilst it is limited our garments will have to respond to its limitation.

This undoubtedly will entail sacrifices, but I am perfectly certain that, in order to put our financial house in order, there is no person in the whole community who will fail to give what response he can, according to his means, provided always that he has an assurance that everybody is doing the same.

#### "Cutting the Dole."

Apparently the matter which troubles most of the people with whom I have been associated, whose confidence is equally dear, is the proposal to cut unemployment benefits. May I make an observation or two on that in order that the mass of our people may consider it with some sense of proportion and equity in their mind?

Unemployment benefit is not a living wage. It was never meant to be that. But like everyone of my old colleagues, have been willing rather to stretch than to curtail those benefits. The proposal now is that, as part of this urgently required national saving, these benefits should be reduced by 10 per cent, but that children's allowances should not be touched at all. That looks pretty big.

But will those who are listening to me remember this, that during the last two brief years the cost of living has been reduced by 11½ per cent, so that if the unemployment benefit had been subject to this consideration—consideration to which hundreds of thousands of workers' wages are subjected; a consideration which not a few trade unions have deliberately arranged in the interests of their own people—but had been so, unemployment benefit automatically and without changing a hair's breadth of its value in maintaining their standard of life, would already have been reduced without either clamour or fight by 11½ per cent.

The proposal to reduce these benefits, therefore, leaves the recipients 1½ per cent better off than they were in 1929. That is one thing which I hope you will all consider. And there is another thing, this time something relating to individual pride and spirit. How can any Government go to the country and appeal for general economy and sacrifice and say to every person whose income can be touched, "We want you to give up heartily something you now possess in the interests of your nation," and then go on to add, "but those for whose benefit the State is supplying well over £100,000,000 per annum, from them we ask nothing."

My friends, it is impossible in reason, it is unjust, in equity, but, above all, I do not believe for a single moment that there is any large percentage of those who are being benefited by these payments who have not got the same sentiments as other people.

They, too, wish to assist the nation in the way other people are being asked to assist the nation. I profoundly believe that I am speaking for the men and women of the best self-respect and of good spirit, who, unfortunately, to-night are included in the ranks of the unemployed.

In Interests of Workless.

They know perfectly well that, in some respects, it is more in their interest that the national credit should be secured and unassailed than it is in the interests of more wealthy people. For it is the man who has but very little from State income who will be hardest hit, and whose family life will be most completely smashed up if those resources were completely dried up, or the shillings handed over to them were to lose their value. In view of the circumstances I believe that those who are receiving benefit desire to be treated in the same way as other people are treated.

When you think all round this question, and appreciate its consequences and the alternatives which were presented, you will conclude that it is not mere words which I use when I say that, under present conditions, it is of great benefit to the unemployed to ask them to go back, not fully but very nearly, to the standards of only two years ago, than to stand rigidly by money values and run the risk of reductions, not only of those values but of their purchasing power as well.

It is most regrettable, at this moment, when the development of the nation is so urgently required, that one of the consequences of the world's industrial plight should be the slackening of programmes devised to help national development.

But in my view the final resource from which these programmes can be financed, whether from loans or revenue, is trust in

our national credit, and anything which disparages that must be instantly and firmly dealt with.

I also want to emphasise as I have already mentioned, that the problem which we have been up against during the last few weeks is not the systematic change of financial methods, the scrapping of old ways, and the importation of new ideas.

This takes time, that will have to be done, but this peculiar psychological storm which has suddenly presented itself had to be dealt with as matter of supreme urgency. Consideration of none of those fundamental causative questions could justify us in the fatal policy of refusing to use immediate measures, even if they are not quite in accordance with the principles which, in any great scheme of reconstruction and reorganisation, we should have to adopt.

There is no time for slow change so long as this lasts. We must act now.

#### No "Bankers' Rump."

There is one other obstacle which I should like to remove from the minds of many of my listeners. We are told that this is a bankers' ramp, or a conspiracy or something of the kind against the Labour Government. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and myself were charged by the Labour Government to be the contact between itself and the Bank of England.

From our knowledge and experience I can give you all the most emphatic assurance that that charge is not true. We were never presented with any political ultimatum. We never found in the attitude or conversation of those with whom we were negotiating any political bias, one way or another.

They told us, when we put up proposals to them, whether in their opinion those proposals would meet the circumstances, to give confidence. When they were doubtful they were perfectly willing that tests should be imposed.

I wish to assure you that the attitude which they will observe towards the new Government will be of precisely the same character as it was to the old, and if the new Government succeeds in getting a loan, the old would also have succeeded had the conditions been the same. The situation is a financial one. It belongs to the world of finance. The laws of that world may have to be changed by firmly handling the position.

The only way to secure the necessary money is to afford, to those who have money to lend, a security that it will be paid back when required. That we should have to borrow, that people should have to lend, may be against the laws that some of us have in our hearts. But we are living in a real and not an ideal world, and the problems which Governments have to face arise from that real world at present, and not the ideal one of the future.

One thing, and one thing only, will put British credit in a position of security at this moment, and that is a scheme consisting in economies on the one side and further revenue on the other—a scheme well balanced, with burdens imposed as lightly as possible, but imposed equitably.

#### The National Government.

That scheme will be produced. In order to do it a Government has been formed. It is not a Coalition Government. I will take no part in that. It is not a Government which compels any party to change its principles or to subordinate its individuality. I should take no part in that either.

It is a Government, as has been described, of individuals. It has been formed to do this work. If the work takes little time, the life of the Government will be short.

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The election which will follow

will not be fought by the Government.

There will be no coups, and I hope, no illegitimate

prejudices. In the meantime, I appeal

with all the force I have, to every

one of you—rich and poor alike,

employed and unemployed—to face

as the people of this country al-

ways have done difficulties, with

hearts determined to overcome

them and their conscience, ready to

respond to whatever the call and

the necessity may be.

#### PRINCE BLUCHER DEAD.

Prince Blucher, a great-grandson of the famous Marshal of that name, died at a Boscombe hotel on August 19.

## "TERRIFIED AT DEATH."

### Suicide's Horror of Illness.

#### LETTER AT INQUEST.

A letter which the coroner, Dr. J. S. Crone, described as one of the most remarkable he had ever seen in that court, was read at an inquest at Kilburn on August 17 on Mrs. Elsie Winyard, aged 43, of Craven Park Road, Harlesden, who was found with her head in a gas-oven. The letter read:

"This is not temporary insanity, but just the very limit of endurance reached. I am in agony, consumed with misery and terrified at death.

"I have been cursed from birth with an abnormal capacity for feeling the cruelties of life, and an abnormal horror of illness and hospitals.

"The ordeal of being strapped rigidly on an X-ray table five times has still power to set me shuddering and trembling.... Nerves have reduced me to a weeping mass of incompetence."

The husband, William John Winyard, said that his wife suffered from gallstones, and some time ago underwent an operation for appendicitis. There was no insanity in the family, and she had never threatened to take her life.

A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was recorded.

#### BILLS OF FARE AT LONDON ZOO.

The Zoo's annual food bill runs well into five figures, and of this sum a handful of exhibits would seem to the outsider to be responsible for an unfair share, says E. G. B. in the Daily Telegraph.

The two infant walruses lately acquired are starting at about £200 a year each, and they are estimated to be less than six months old. If all goes well with them, they will eventually incur for the society a bill of over £1,000 a year in fresh cod, herring, roes, mussels, and cod liver oil.

Even a sea lion, which scorns nothing fishy, costs £150 a year, and a king penguin, only four feet high, is three times as expensive as an ostrich twice its height, and ten times its bulk.

The king of all fish-eaters was the late lamented elephant seal. His menu cost approximately £400 a year—and this, again, was only a nursery bill. A much larger specimen kept in the Hagenbeck collection at Hamburg trebles this sum, and what a full-grown 22ft. specimen would cost no Zoo curator cares to contemplate.

A few reptiles have very expensive tastes.

Large pythons and anacondas needing goats, duck and chickens are comparatively cheap feeders, since the meals are few-and-far between—not more than thirty in a year. This does not apply to the more active and always hungry members of the cobra tribe.

Dinner "On Deposit."

The king cobra (or hamadryad), for example, is a cannibal, and a specimen which recently died would only eat snakes belonging to a certain species from the Far East and valued at £5 each, wholesale. Monitor lizards make a tolerable substitute for hamadryad fare, but a monitor, though common in its own country, is worth £2 or £3 by the time it reaches ours.

A certain king cobra placed some years ago by an ignorant keeper in the same cage with eight common cobras engulfed the lot. This meal cost the Zoo £25, since the dinner was "on deposit"—placed in the Zoological Society's keeping for the time being and at the Society's risk.

#### NUNS' LONG JOURNEY.

### Adventure After Solitary Lives.

Darlington, August 14.

Seven nuns, who for years have lived in solitude at the Convent of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at Darlington, to-day left the city for South Africa, where they will establish a new foundation of the Order at Johannesburg.

They travelled unveiled, and wore habits of heavy brown cloth. They went in a saloon car to the station, and the journey was a novel experience for at least one of the party, who had not previously seen a motor vehicle.

The nuns were met at the station by relatives and friends, and before the train departed received a blessing from a priest. After staying overnight in London they will take the boat train to Southampton.



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HONG KONG AMUSEMENTS,  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the QUEEN'S THEATRE, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:

(a) To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

(b) To elect retiring Directors and Auditors.

(c) To sanction the Declaration of a Dividend.

(d) To transact any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th to the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 1931, both days inclusive.

Dated the 22nd day of September, 1931.

By Order of the Board,  
CHAS. S. ROSSELET,  
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All Entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries however will be received.

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A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL,  
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.  
Hong Kong, September 22, 1931.

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Applications must be made in sealed envelopes addressed to the Secretary of the Club, c/o Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong, and to reach the office not later than Noon on September 24, 1931. Applications will be opened on that date.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. ALEXANDER,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, September 17, 1931.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 26th September, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

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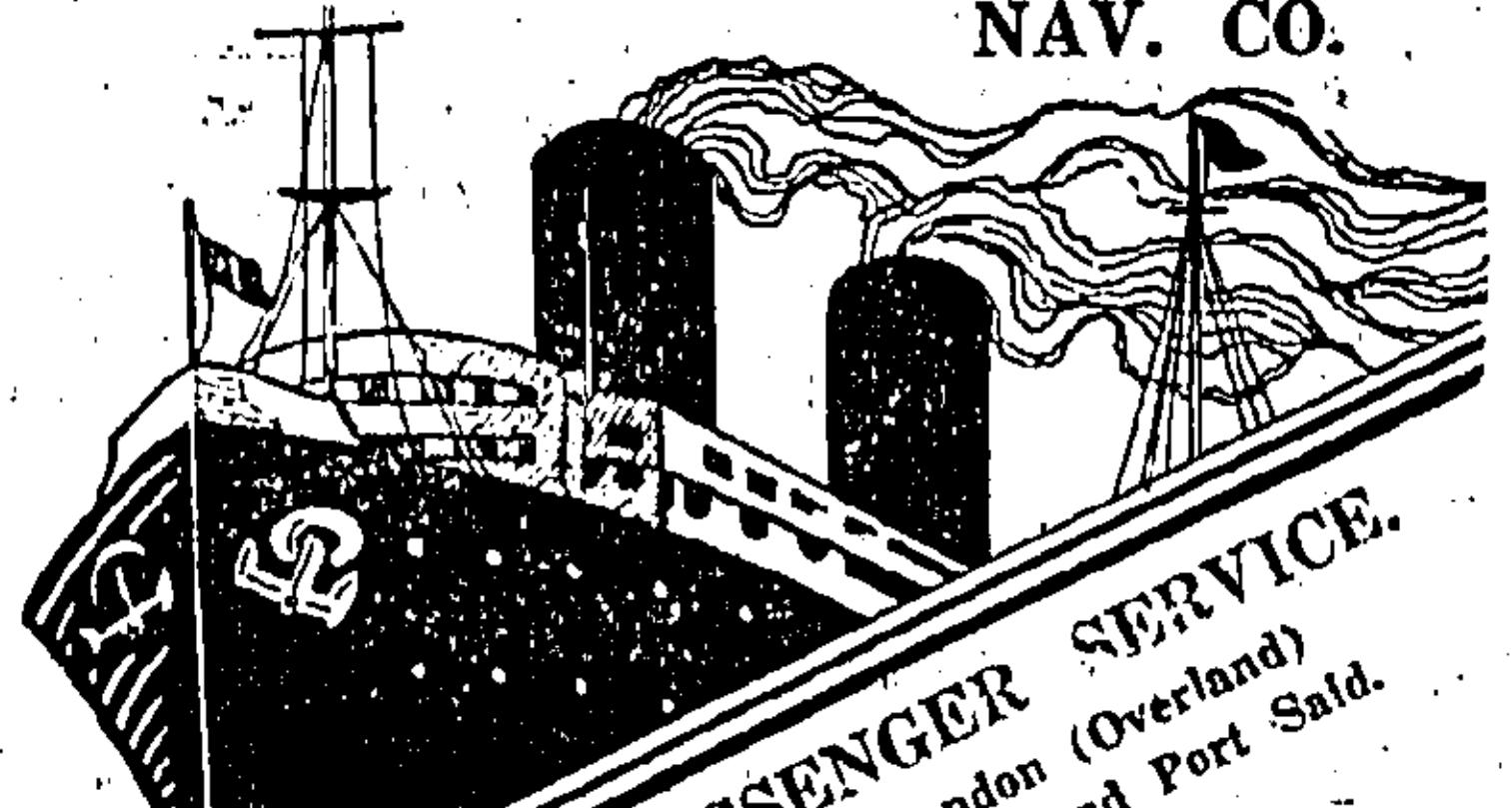
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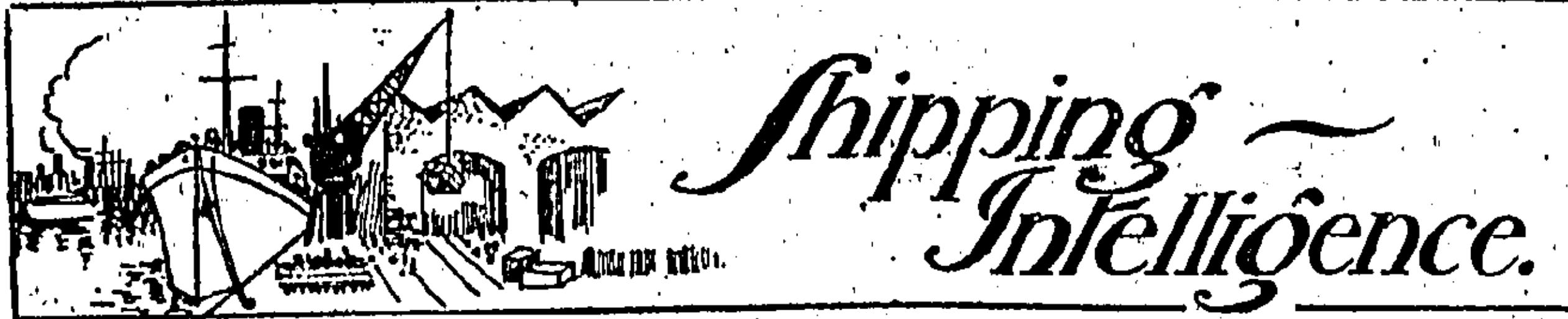
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ASAMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 30th September.  
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HIKAWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 6th October.  
HIYE MARU ..... Tuesday, 3rd November.  
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HARUNA MARU ..... Saturday, 17th October.  
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KAMO MARU ..... Saturday, 24th October.  
BOMBAK via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.  
TOKIWA MARU ..... Sunday, 27th September.  
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NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.  
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LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa  
& Marseilles.  
LIMA MARU ..... Sunday, 11th October.  
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
PENANG MARU ..... Tuesday, 29th September.  
HAKODATE MARU ..... Thursday, 8th October.  
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Salon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Santos Maru ..... Fri.	2nd Oct.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZA, BETH & CAPE TOWN, THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Arizona Maru ..... Wed.	7th Oct.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Brisbane Maru ..... Tues.	6th Oct.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Himalaya Maru ..... Thurs.	24th Sept.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru ..... Sun.	11th Oct.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Hokuroku Maru ..... Tues.	6th Oct.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Dell & Colombo.	Hague Maru ..... Sat.	3rd Oct.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Hamburg Maru ..... Fri.	2nd Oct.
HAIKHONG via Hulow & Pakhol (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru ..... Thurs.	1st Oct.
WEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru ..... Sun.	27th Sept.
JAPAN PORTS via Keelung & Shanghai.	Deli Maru ..... Thurs.	24th Sept.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).		
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### AN AMOROUS WHALE.

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The amorous whale cuddled up against the prow of the 33,000-ton ship and clung hopefully there for nearly an hour before his presence was discovered. It was necessary to stop the ship and go several hundred yards astern before the mammoth sea mammal was dropped and the voyage resumed.

Captain Fred E. Anderson, skipper of the President Hoover, declared such an occurrence was unheard of in his fifty years of sailing the seven seas.

#### PASSENGER LISTS.

##### ARRIVALS.

The following passengers disembarked at Hong Kong from the President Hoover yesterday:

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##### DEPARTURES.

The following sailed on Sunday by the President Taft for Seattle via Ports:

#### HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12h. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

September 22 to 28, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	H.	Standard Times	H.
Sept. 22	6:00	6:56	11:00	11:56
23	20:04	20:50	19:34	19:20
24	06:08	06:54	07:38	07:24
25	12:12	12:58	13:42	13:28
26	18:16	18:52	19:36	19:22
27	04:20	04:56	05:04	05:40
28	10:24	10:50	10:40	10:48
29	16:28	17:04	17:44	17:52
30	02:32	03:08	03:52	04:00
31	08:36	09:12	09:56	10:04
1	14:40	15:16	15:40	15:48
2	20:44	21:20	21:54	22:02
3	02:48	03:24	03:58	04:06
4	08:52	09:28	10:04	10:12
5	14:56	15:32	16:20	16:28
6	20:00	20:36	21:14	21:22
7	02:04	02:40	03:16	03:24
8	08:08	08:34	09:12	09:20
9	14:12	14:38	15:16	15:24
10	20:16	20:42	21:20	21:28
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MANTUA	11,000	10th Oct.	Marsailles & London.
KASHMIR	9,000	24th Oct.	Marsailles, London, V'dam & A'werp.
BURDWAN	6,500	31st Oct.	Marsailles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marsailles & London.
KASHGAR	9,000	21st Nov.	Marsailles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
MAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Dec.	Marsailles & London.
CORFU	15,000	10th Dec.	Marsailles, Havre, London, Hamburg.
TSOMALI	6,800	26th Dec.	Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.

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TAKADA	7,000	24th Sept. 1931. 6 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TSIRDHANA	8,000	4th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	14th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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NANKIN	7,000	2nd Oct. 1931.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
SELLMORE	7,000	31st Oct.	& Melbourne.
TANDA	7,000	2nd Dec.	

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TILAWA	10,000	24th Sept. 1931. Daylight	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Osaka & Kobe.
KASHMIR	9,000	25th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SELLMORE	7,000	5th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KIDDERPORE	5,800	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
SANTHA	9,000	9th Oct.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NALDERA	16,000	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACEDONIA	11,000	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	6th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAJAFADA	7,000	6th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SURDHANA	8,000	20th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CORFU	15,000	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	4th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KARMAKA	9,000	19th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.

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## WATER LEVELS.

### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River, on the dates named:

	Sept.	Sept.
West River at Shihliung	19	20
North River at Samshui	13.1	15.6
North River at Taliyuen	8.2	7.8
East River at Sheklung	9.9	9.8
	9.6	8.7
The highest levels recorded are:—Shihliung, 41 feet; Tsing-yuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.8 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.		

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, September 20.	
Kwei-ying, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Holloway, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.	
Mongalleri, Italian str., 3,241 tons, Capt. L. Stanzani, from Saigon, buoy No. A7.—Dodwell & Co.	
Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norval, from Pakhui, buoy No. A4.—Sing Kee.	
Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,642 tons, Capt. H. Kanegae, from Sourabaya, buoy No. A2.—O.S.K.	
Monday, September 21.	
Anatina, Norwegian str., 3,150 tons, Capt. O. I. Gerrard, from San Pedro, North Point Wharf.—A.P.C.	
Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Holloway, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.	
Chinhuia, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.	
Heimei Maru, Japanese str., 2,734 tons, Capt. Kusano, from Moji, buoy No. B28.—Y.K.K.	
Kahoku Maru, Japanese str., 1,875 tons, Capt. Yamachi, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—D.K.K.	
Kentucky, American str., 3,843 tons, Capt. O. Svehaug, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4.—States S.S. Co.	
Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. T. Kvamine, from Swatow, Yau-mati Anchorage.—Jang Hang Long.	
Kwangchow, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. C. B. L. Stringer, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	
Lindeman, from Samarintha, Capt. Lindeman, from Takakushi, buoy No. B26.—Y. Sato & Co.	
Rushio Maru, Japanese str., 1,745 tons, Capt. T. Kakagawara, from Takakushi, buoy No. B26.—Y. Sato & Co.	
Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. G. M. Byrne, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.	
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Some of them even appealed to the captain to put back to Ramsgate, but he continued his voyage.

Then the sufferers tried to find the Man Who Knew Everything.

But he was about half-dead already.

On the return journey the people

who had gone ashore at Ramsgate rejoined the ship, heard the story

and just laughed.

D.K.K.

Siamese Prince, British str., 3,817 tons, Capt. E. Morrison, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—Furness (Far-East), Ltd.

Sipora, Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. Lindeman, from Samarintha,

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## RADIO TOPICS

## CHEAP SETS.

Success of Wireless Broadcasting in  
Great Britain.Singapore, September 2.  
A Sungei Lembing correspondent  
writes further regarding cheap sets,  
as follows:—With regard to the set  
referred to by your Nebong Tebal  
reader this week, to the figure of  
£10 quoted should, I think, be added  
the cost of loud-speaker, phones,  
120 volts battery, 2 volt accumulator,  
aerial and earth wires etc., and  
possibly cost of valves. Thesenecessary accessories purchased  
locally will probably run the all-in  
cost well above \$180/- and better  
results at this increased cost are  
naturally to be expected than from  
a little set costing much less.Going still further if one can afford  
it, probably the best results are  
obtainable from the set costing ap-  
proximately \$380/- with accessories

etc., for about \$115/- This set

may be unorthodox, freakish and  
poorly finished, but it was favourably

reported upon and tested by

Amateur Wireless in its two-valve

stage, and I have found it "gets one  
there" at a reasonable cost. Ontwo occasions this week I tuned in  
the Chelmsford whist and tuning  
note and on the loudspeaker heard

"Big Ben" strike seven and on

Tuesday last I heard Jose Collins

give three songs, including his

favourite "Cigarette" song. These

together with other items, came

through at fair worthwhile loud-

speaker strength and to give an

idea of volume a talk could have

been taken down in shorthand from

a nearby table. Eindhoven was ex-  
cellent on Thursday but I could notget there until after 10 p.m., al-  
though it is in your columns as

available at 8.30 p.m. The same

evening, a fraction of a turn of the

tuning condenser brought in an-  
other reasonably loud music trans-  
mission not mentioned in your pro-  
gramme for that evening.

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## Two-Valve Receivers.

Another Province Wellesley reader  
has a few pointed remarks to  
make concerning the use of two-  
valve sets in this country. He says:

I noticed in your wireless article in

the Straits Times of August 19,

that a Nebong Tebal reader criti-  
cises the two-valve set mentioned by

you in previous articles.

I am in entire agreement with

his remarks and consider

that your readers are apt to be

sadly misled when you write ad-

vocating the use of such a set.

Head phone reception of nearby

stations is possible, but only under

favourable conditions, can distant

stations be received with any pre-  
ference to "entertainment" valve.

Of course, "phone reception for the

tropics is decidedly uncomfortable

and only an out-and-out wireless fan

would tolerate such reception.

Nothing less than a four-valve set

is at all suitable, and personally I

prefer a super-heterodyne set

after several years long and expen-  
sive experience. I consider the

least you can do is to correct the

impression you have given your

readers of the "wonderful" recep-

tion possible with a two-valve set

and so possibly prevent them spend-

ing money unnecessarily and at the

same time impress on their minds

that the quality of the reception out-

here is on the whole rather poor

so that they should not expect too

much from their short-wave re-

ceivers. Your articles have a ten-

dency to give an exaggerated ac-

count of such reception which is to

be deplored since it can do no good

to the science of wireless or to the

pockets of your readers.

\* \* \*

## On Over-Enthusiasm.

The above correspondent, like the

previous one from Nebong Tebal,

cannot read these notes very care-

fully or he would have seen that the

remarks made concerning the two-

valve set were those of a Sungei

Lembing correspondent and not my

own observations. I have definitely

refrained from expressing an

opinion because, as far as

I recollect, I have never

heard a two-valve set operating

in this country. It is true,

however, that in previous notes I

have from time to time

written enthusiastically of wire-

less reception in Singapore

and such comments have been

based on personal experience. It is

true that reception in this country

is not nearly so good as in Europe,

war industries.

## B.B.C.'S CRITICS.

Barking Up Wrong  
Tree.

## A PLEA FOR REASON.

I have noticed in the course of  
many chance conversations, that  
people who grumble about the  
B.B.C. are apt to grumble about  
the whole of wireless, and, to talk  
as if it the B.B.C. had invented broad-  
casting, instead of being invented  
by it, says a Musical Times corre-spondent. They seem to hold Sir John  
Reith personally responsible for  
the creation of electro-magnetic  
waves, which is about as sensible  
as blaming Lord Desbrough, for  
the presence of water in the  
Thames. We have had enough of  
the Jeremiads (if Mr. Brabazon  
Howe will permit the word) who  
are for ever complaining that broad-  
casting has upset the economy of  
the musical world, and who have  
never perceived that it was an ac-  
cident of history, and not a law of  
nature, that allowed the musical  
world to subsist for a long periodIt merely happened, on this parti-  
cular planet, that Hubald preceded  
Marconi by several centuries, and  
gave us the interim conditions that  
passed away in the nineteen-  
twenties.To treat interim conditions as if  
they had meant them to be  
eternal is a form of narrow-minded-  
ness, and however much we may  
give sympathy with it, (my own mind  
narrows to vanishing point whenever  
a motor-bicycle passes), it  
brings nothing to any practical dis-  
cussion of the new conditions.If the B.B.C. is to be arraigned,  
let it be because it makes mistakes,  
or commits follies, or treads on  
people's corns, or plays with loaded  
dice, or behaves like a bull in a  
China shop, and not because it  
broadcasts.but the broadcasting station in this  
territory are not nearly so well  
equipped and up-to-date as those at  
home hence reception is of necessity  
bound to be poorer. But, bad as  
our Province Wellesley correspondents  
would have us believe the re-  
ception to be, I repeat what I have  
said in a previous note that most  
nights good entertainment is to be  
had over the ether in Malaya.

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## A New Industry.

Wireless has brought successful  
new industry to Great Britain why  
should it not do the same for  
Malaya? Previously, the Summer  
has been recognised as off-season  
for the radio industry, but, accord-  
ing to the latest reports the year  
1931 has changed all that. British  
radio works have never known such  
business. One large firm of wireless  
set manufacturers increased its  
May business by 10 per cent, com-  
pared with February, and was as-  
sured to find a 20 per cent. in-  
crease in June above the May  
figures, and the first three weeks  
of July showed a still further in-  
crease on the June trading. "Asthe result of our advertising cam-  
paign during June and July," said  
the manager of one firm, "the de-  
mand has been so enormous that we  
have been forced to suspend all ad-  
vertising for the time being in order  
that our production may keep pace,  
to a reasonable degree, with the de-  
mand." This firm has had to  
build a new factory, which covers180,000 super feet of floor space and  
houses 5,500 employees. The factory  
is almost self-sufficient—it in-  
cludes saw-mills a power station,  
as well as its own enamelling, cellulose  
spraying, and plating shops. The  
daily output of the new factory ex-  
ceeds a quarter of a million compo-  
nents. Malaya is in urgent need of  
new industries, but nothing can be  
done so far as wireless is con-  
cerned until Government builds thepowerful transmitting station which  
is so urgently required and for  
which so many appeals have been  
made.—Straits Times.The attempts to communicate on  
a wave-length of 245 metres be-  
tween Bangkok and San Francisco  
having given good results regular  
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## TWO MORE 'QUAKES

NEW ZEALAND  
SHAKEN.

TOKYO ROCKED  
HUNDREDS INJURED  
IN JAPAN.

Wellington, Yesterday.  
A prolonged earthquake, apparently centred in Hawkes Bay, was felt at 1.10 a.m. in both islands.

A message from Auckland to Christchurch states that sleepers in many centres were awakened, and that articles were hurled from shelves in Napier.

TOKYO ROCKED.

An unusually severe earthquake rocked the whole of the city of Tokyo at 11.20 this morning.

Numbers of people rushed into the streets in alarm and the buildings swayed unpleasantly.

The shock appears to have been felt over an exceptionally wide area, including West Japan, but hitherto no casualties and no serious damages have been reported.

NINE KILLED.

The Central Observatory fears serious damage and casualties in the Saitama prefecture where the 'quake' was apparently centred, as it registered the same amplitude as the disastrous Izu peninsula 'quake last November.

There has been widespread disruption in telephonic communications and a suspension of electric railways, but Tokyo's damage is confined to the collapse of walls, cracks in buildings, broken windows and a few fires which were quickly suppressed.

Nine people so far are known to have been killed and several hundred injured in Saitama prefecture, where there were many collapses in the towns of Konosu and Kumagae. — Reuter.

## FORGED NOTE CASE.

Forenoon's Proceedings.

The trial of Kong Sze-yik and Leo Artur D'A. Guimaraes on charges of conspiracy and larceny by a trick of \$7,000 from Wong To-po, editor of the Tsun Wan Yat Po, was continued before Mr. Justice Lindell and Jury at the Assizes this morning.

The following jury is empanelled: — Messrs Guy Hailey (foreman) Tao Yew-woon, F. T. Harris, A. H. Madar, Chau Man-chi, H. Castro and Leung Kam-tong.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the Crown's case, whilst first prisoner is being represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall), and Guimaraes is defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun. (instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans).

Complainant in Box.  
The complainant, Wong To-po, entered the witness box, and related the circumstances leading up to the alleged swindle which took place at 6, Caine Road.

Guilherme Alberto Guimaraes was brought into Court under custody, and witness recognised him as one of the party at the house on July 24.

Describing the two alleged forged notes that first prisoner produced to him, witness said that he could find very little difference between them and the genuine notes. The coloured parts, were, perhaps, a little wider than in the genuine. The notes were issued on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. Lo's Genuine Note.

For purposes of demonstration,

the Crown counsel handed to witness a \$10 note, which had been kindly lent by Mr. Lo.

Mr. Lo — I must say my Lord, that note belongs to me.

His Lordship — That should be a guarantee that it is genuine.

(Laughter).

Where to Dispose of Forged Notes.

In reply to questions by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that he was told by the first prisoner that he could dispose of the forged notes, in places that were not British possessions. Witness added that the first prisoner further stated that he got commission on the sale of these forged notes.

Referring to his visit with first prisoner to the Stag Hotel, witness said that there he was introduced to a man, named Pang, who was stated to be a broker dealing in forged notes.

Mr. Fitzroy — Did you believe that? — Yes.

\$7,000 from Father-in-Law.

Witness, replying to another question by Counsel, said that he borrowed \$7,000 from his father-in-law.

Mr. Fitzroy — Did you tell your father-in-law what you wanted it for? — To do business.

And he entrusted you with \$7,000

on that bald statement that you were going to do business. — Yes.

Mr. Fitzroy — You were setting out to deliberately defraud people of \$10,000.

Witness replied that the forged notes appeared to him to be genuine.

Mr. Fitzroy — Come now. You did not for the moment believe they were genuine.

Interposing, his Lordship reminded Counsel that he was cross-examining his own witness, and that it was quite obvious that no person would give \$10,000 in genuine notes in exchange for \$7,000.

"Looking Very Ferocious."

Continuing, witness said that at 6, Caine Road when all were assembled for the transaction, second prisoner entered the room, and looking very ferocious said that he was an inspector. Second prisoner seized Guilherme Guimaraes, and they left.

The case is proceeding.

## MR. SNOWDEN'S MESSAGE.

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to maintain it by liquidating their investments.

Mr. Snowden concluded with an appeal for unity. He said, "We must get together as a nation and set to work to build up our position anew. The question of an adverse trade balance will have to be dealt with. In the process of rebuilding we may have to adopt many expedients, as we did in connection with the Budget, which in other circumstances would be repugnant. If we keep calm the country's inherited strength will pull it through." — British Wireless Service.

## REINFORCEMENTS FOR MANCHURIA.

Heated Discussion in Cabinet.

## WAR-LIKE ACTION.

Tokyo, To-day. It is understood, that there was a heated discussion between Baron Shidzuka and the War Minister, Mr. Minami, at the Cabinet Conference on the question of the sending of reinforcements to Manchuria; Baron Shidzuka contending that this action would appear to be unduly war-like, whereas the War Minister urged the necessity of reinforcing the Kwangtung Army lest they be overwhelmed by a force numerically superior.

For the purpose of avoiding foreign misunderstanding the War Minister has intimated that he is instructing the Commander of the Kwangtung Army to arrange for Municipal administration, co-operating with Chinese, in all the occupied towns, instead of enforcing a military administration.

## FALL OF KIRIN.

A message from Changchun states that Japanese troops occupied Kirin City without opposition at 5.50 p.m. on Monday.

The South Manchurian Railway has provisionally taken over the administration of the Changchun Kirin Railway.

All Japanese are taking refuge in the police station attached to the Japanese Consulate in Kirin. — Reuter.

## THE GOLD STANDARD BILL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

reductions in the pay of teachers and the defence services will be no more than 10 per cent, except in the higher ranks of commissioned officers of the defence services. The Premier added that the balance of the Budget would be maintained.

## Protecting Sterling.

New York, Yesterday. With a view to stopping the practice which very largely contributed to the hammering of sterling last week, the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange has resolved in consequence of the serious emergency to forbid short selling.

While banking circles maintain that concerted action to support the market is unnecessary, it is understood that professional operators are prepared to co-operate in keeping trade orderly.

The Stock Exchange opened with a general slump. Principal issues falling one to five points with one notable exception, United States Steel advancing a quarter. — Reuter's American Service.

## AMSTERDAM STOCK EXCHANGE.

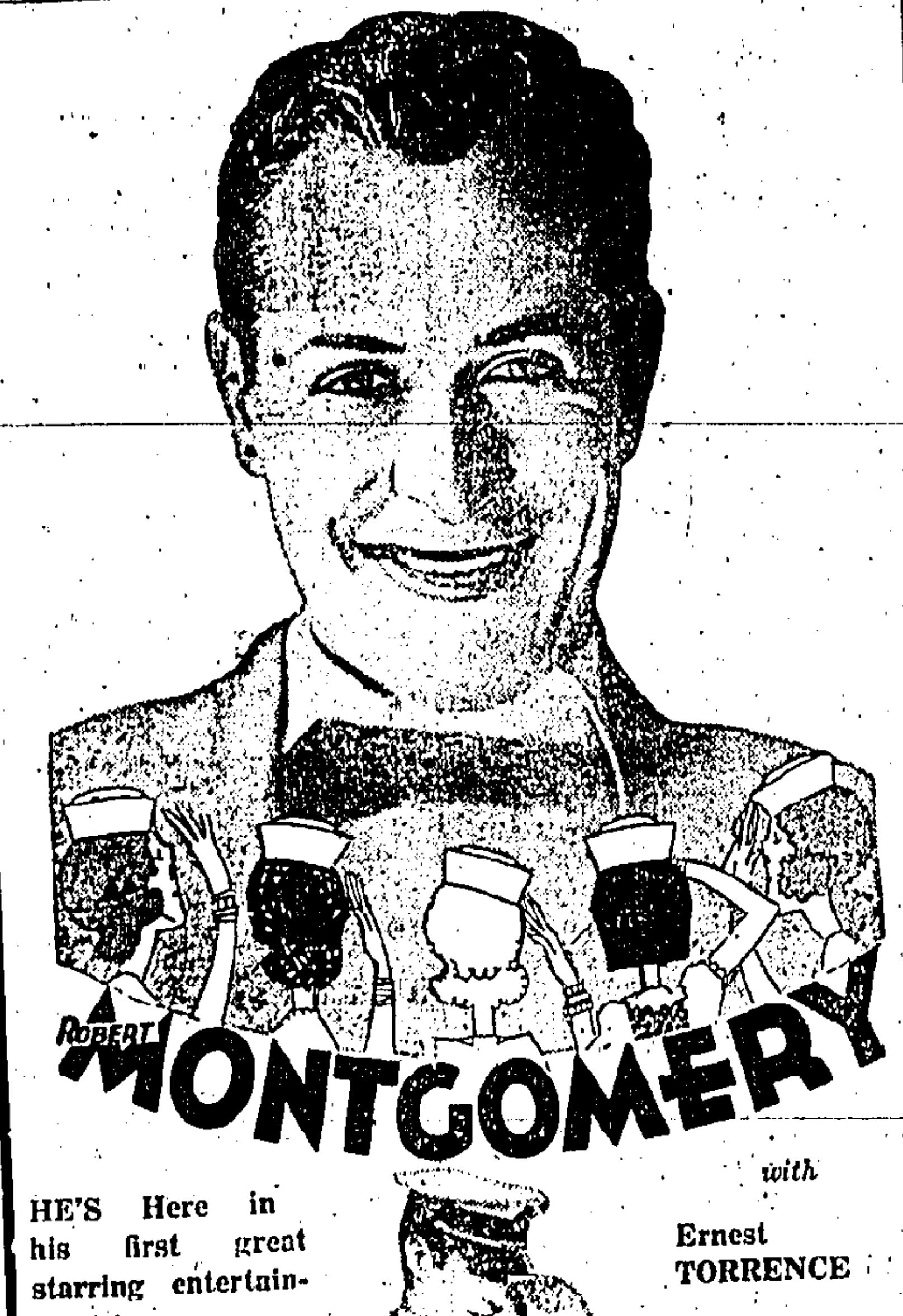
Amsterdam, Yesterday. The Stock Exchange is to re-open to-day (September 22). — Reuter.

## 1929-30 War Loan.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons in reply to a question the Chancellor of the Exchequer in referring to apprehensions expressed by foreign holders of five per cent. War Loan, 1929-30, that their holdings might be compulsorily converted, said that such fears were entirely groundless. British Wireless Service.

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